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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER

Executive Secretary
Department of State

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SUBJECT:

Reply to Chancellor Kreisky on U.S. Withdrawal from IIASA

The Austrian Ambassador met with the Vice President on February 25 and presented the attached letter (Tab A) from Chancellor Kreisky to the President on U.S. withdrawal from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis.

The NSC staff has drafted a proposed response from the President to Chancellor Kreisky (Tab B). We would appreciate the comments of the Department of State and other concerned agencies on this proposed response. State should coordinate these comments and submit them to me by c.o.b. March 5.

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Director

#### Attachment

The Vice President
The Secretary of Defense
Director, Central Intelligence
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Director, National Science Foundation

CONFIDENTIAL Review on February 26, 1988

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Vienna, December 4 1981

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Earlier this year, I wrote to you concerning the question of continued United States support of IIASA.

A few weeks ago, I received information to.
the extend that IIASA's U.S. National Member Organisation, the National Academy of Sciences, might have to
withdraw from IIASA because the National Science
Foundation had to eliminate funds for IIASA after 1982.

I am of course aware of the severe budgetary constraints of the United States, which you pointed out in your latter of April 17. Indeed, the worldwide economic difficulties have serious repercussions on the budgetary situation in most countries including Austria.

On the other hand, it would seem to me that in the case of the United States participation in IIASA, political considerations should outweigh by far the purely financial aspects. After all, IIASA is not only performing a scientific task universally recognized as excellent, but it is by its structure a unique kind of institution, providing a vehicle for peaceful cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union and between Western and Eastern Europe.

His Excellency

Mr. Ronald REAGAN
President of the
United States of America

The White House

IIASA was created on an initiative of the United States and a withdrawel of U.S. support could have disastrous consequences for the institute.

It is for these reasons, dear Mr. President, that I would like to ask you to have this matter reconsidered. In this context, it might be useful for you to know that the board of ITASA has decided to reexamine the membership dues structure which in all probability will result in a substantial reduction - around 50 % - of the dues from the United States ( and the Soviet Union).

May I finally say that in my opinion a reconsideration of the United States attitude towards IIASA would be fully in line with the very important declaration you, Mr. President, have made on November 18 and which has been widely welcomed here in Europe.

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